

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 2-10 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species. New claims 11-20 are added via this Amendment.

35 USC § 112:

Original claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because “the other bracket” is recited while no “other bracket” is recited. Amended claim 1 further defines the brackets rendering claim 1 definite. Withdrawn of the rejection is respectfully requested.

35 USC § 102:

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shimizu (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0043883). The rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the following remarks.

Shimizu does not disclose each feature recited in amended claim 1. For example, Shimizu is cited for disclosing an output terminal board 174 mounted on a bracket of an electric rotating machine having output harnesses 182. Shimizu discloses three output harnesses that are illustrated in Figure 2. Exemplary features of claim 1 include the first and second brackets, wherein the output harnesses are connected to the output terminal board in such a manner as to extend in a direction opposite to the outward direction which the second bracket faces.

The single bracket of Shimizu cited in the rejection does not disclose the claimed first and second brackets of the claim 1. Further, the claimed configuration of the output terminal board in relation to the first and second brackets is also not disclosed by Shimizu. The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is therefore respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

35 USC § 103:

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Imori et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,683,390 [hereinafter “Imori”]) in view of Shimizu. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the following remarks.

The unique combination of elements provide an efficient configuration and use of space not taught by the prior art. As one would appreciate, a rotating machining using multiple output harnesses such as Shimizu is different than an AC generator as in Imori that uses one output terminal 11 (see Figs 1 and 2 of Imori). The different devices may require different design considerations and would not necessarily benefit from each other’s teachings aside from those teachings disclosed in the references or known in the art at the time of the respective inventions.

The combination of Imori and Shimizu do not teach nor suggest each feature recited in claim 1. For example, Imori does not teach nor suggest the claimed output harnesses (plural) as recited in claim 1. Further, the claimed configuration including the first and second brackets is not disclosed by Imori. Moreover, one would not have applied the multiple harness configuration of Shimizu to Imori due to Imori only requiring one output terminal. On the other hand if *arguendo* one were to apply a single harness of Shimizu to Imori, the claimed invention

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still would not be taught or suggested because of claim 1 reciting more than one harness. Therefore, the combination of Shimizu and Imori does not render amended claim 1 obvious, such that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS:

New claims 11-20 are added to obtain more varied protection for the invention. Each of these claims is respectfully submitted as patentable by virtue of their respective dependencies upon claim 1, in addition to their individual recitations.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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